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E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PFOR, EAID, EFIN, EG, QA
SUBJ: GODE ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT--COMMENTS OF QATARI
FINANCE MINISTER

REF: CAIRO 11298 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING AUG 24 DISCUSSION, AMBASSADOR ASKED QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM, SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, FOR HIS VIEWS ON GODE. ABDUL AZIZ AFFIRMD GOQ'S SOLID COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING EGYPT WITH ITS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, HE CONFIRMED THAT QATARI SHARE OF $2 BILLION FUND WAS $400 MILLION.

2. WE MENTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN RUMBLINGS FROM GOE THAT $2 BILLION FIGURE FAR SHORT OF EGYPTIAN REQUIREMENTS, AND NOTED ABDUL AZIZ'S RECENT STATEMENT IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT COLOMBO SUMMIT THAT GOQ SYMPATHETIC TO EGYPTIAN NEEDS AND INCREASING FUND COULD BE CONSIDERED. ABDUL AZIZ ACKNOWLEDGED LATTER STATEMENT, WHICH HE SAID MADE IN RESPONSE TO "EMBARRASSING" QUESTION FROM
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NEWSMEN. HE DID NOT MENTION EXTRA $1.2 BILLION MENTIONED IN

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REFTEL, WHICH RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING.

3. COMMENT: GOQ HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AT CURRENT GODE TALKS BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE ABD AL QADIR AL QADI, A PALESTINIAN, WHO HAS TOLD US IN PAST OF HIS LACK OF SYMPATHY FOR GODE CONCEPT, SINCE HE BELIEVES EGYPT BOTTOMLESS PIT AND ECONOMY HOPELESS. QADI, OF COURSE, MUST BY GOVERNED BY AMIR'S CONVICTION THAT EGYPT MUST BE SAVED AS INVESTMENT IN SECURITY OF GULF AND MIDDLE EAST GENERALLY. PAGANELLI

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